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Home Demonstration Department

"How to Select Laying Hens."
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Every farmer and poultry raiser should make it a point to closely cull his flock in the fall of each year. It is often possible to discard a third of the number, or more, thus reducing food bills without noticeably affecting the egg yields. The following proven facts should enable anyone to detect the best layers.

1. Hens that molt late, and quickly, are the best layers. By this is meant hens molting during the latter part of September, October and November are better layers than those molting earlier. It is poor judgment to keep these birds molting early and sell those molting late, although this is done on many farms. Experiments have repeatedly proven that 200 egg hens do not begin to molt until November.

2. Individual hens with pale colored shanks, in such breeds as the Rock, Wyandottes, Reds and Leghorns, are considered better layers than those with bright and yellow shanks. This indication is true only when applied in the fall of the year, and among breeds with yellow shanks.

3. The above principle applies also to the color of the ear lobes in breeds with yellow, creamy or white lobes. The many varieties of Leghorns can be divided by this indication. The Rocks, Wyandottes, and other American, Asiatic and English breeds have red ear lobes, hence this indication for these breeds is valueless. Experience has shown that Leghorn varieties with white ear lobes in the fall are better layers than those with yellow or creamy colored ear lobes.

4. A constitutionally strong bird, one that passes through the molt quickly and easily, is better layer than one that develops all kinds of ailments during this period.

5. Hens that show the least broodiness are better layers than those that are broody a large part of the time.

6. A bird with closely worn toenails is considered a better layer than one with long nails.

7. A hen that goes into the molt with worn and ragged plumage is a better layer than the bird with no such marks that bespeak hard work during the preceding year.

8. A bird first off the roost in the morning and the last to return to it at night is considered a better layer than the one that spends the major portion of her time on the roost, or stands around with a "humped up" appearance in a corner of the pen or bask all day in the sun.

9. A singing and working individual is always a better layer than the quiet and lazy kind.

10. Hens that go to roost with a full crop are good layers, hence the saying "A heavy eater is a good layer."

11. A fowl must carry a little fat in order to be in laying condition. A poor or lean hen can never be a laying hen.

12. Rather large comb and wattles for the breed is considered another characteristic of a good layer.

13. Some breeders insist that Leghorns with rather high tails are better layers than those with very low tails.

14. Pullets that commence laying early are considered better layers than those that mature late, hence the statement: "Keep the early laying pullets."

Feeding for Egg Production.
A good way of feeding hens for egg-production is something as follows:

Early in the morning give a very sparing feed of corn, wheat, kafir, or milo, or some similar grain.

Keep before them at all times, in a good dry mash hopper, the following mixture:

100 lb. wheatbran; 50 lb. wheat middling or shorts; 10 lb. cottonseed meal; 10 lb. peanut meal; 35 lb. best grade poultry feed scrap, 1 lb. salt.

About an hour and a half before sunset, give another feeding of grain in the litter. At this time give them all they will eat; in fact just a little more.

It is very important that the fowls go to roost with a full crop. All of the above should be supplemented with milk and water in separate dishes. Give them green feed, grit, and oyster shell.

SLIDE HAPPENINGS FOR THE PAST WEEK

We have had a few misty and cloudy days the past week.

Mr. B. T. Sumner and J. E. Hubbard each carried a bale of cotton to town Wednesday returning home Thursday.

Mr. Arthur Nettles, from Lakeview, passed through the community Thursday with a bale of cotton. He was enroute to Lubbock.

Messrs. J. W. Moore, S. N. and J. N. and B. M. Moore and wife and Toke Marcy, Jim Mabray and T. J. Davis, all carried a bale of cotton to town Friday.

Reverdie Ater and father, S. A. Ater, were in the community Friday. Mr. Crouch and Harrison from New Home, were at the store Monday.

Quite a number from the community attended the Annual Conference, which convened at Lubbock. Bro. Townsend will preach at Slide another year.

Chester Henderson and mother passed through the community Monday enroute home after being at town a few days.

Messrs. C. L. Reiger and Chester Hubbard and W. W. Cain, each carried a bale of cotton to town late Sunday evening.

D. W. Puckett, from Lubbock, was in the community Sunday.

The storm party last Saturday night at I. J. Davis' was well attended. All reported an enjoyable time.

Mrs. B. T. Sumner went to town Sunday to see her daughter, Leona, who came from Canyon for a few days stay at town.

C. E. Moreman was in the New Home community late Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. S. L. Williams and family, Reverdie Ater and wife, passed by Saturday enroute to Lubbock.

Messrs. Emmett Morris and Lawson and Ark from the Woodrow community attended the party last Saturday night.

Mr. Eld Sanders from New Home was in the community Friday morning.

W. B. Copeland and R. J. Murphy carried Mr. Copeland's car to town Monday afternoon to have it put in running order again.

Mrs. J. J. Carr was at the store shopping Monday.

T. J. Davis carried a bale of cotton to town Monday.

Mr. Mitchell Crouch from New Home was at the store Saturday.

Mr. Todd was shopping at Slide early Monday morning.

Mr. B. B. Ater and wife from Lakeview, were callers at Slide Sunday afternoon.

Sam Farris attended the singing at New Home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. R. L. Northam and children attended the Conference at Lubbock Sunday.

Mr. Marcy and family from Lubbock, visited Mr. Toke Marcy and family last Sunday.

The farmers are progressing nicely now while we are having a few pretty days to pick cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Gresham are visiting Mr. S. L. Williams and family of the Lakeview community.

Messrs. Lonnie Williams and T. J. Davis each carried a bale of cotton to town Thursday morning.

Mrs. R. W. Harriet received a telephone message early Wednesday morning that her mother was low and not expected to live. She left at once for Goree to see her. Mr. C. L. Reiger carried her to town.

J. E. Hubbard carried a bale of cotton to town Thursday.

Mrs. Fritz Speckman and Miss Hester Robinson from Lakeview brought a load of turkeys to market Thursday and received the highest price paid this season.

Mr. Hollingsworth, the proprietor of the Slaton Drug Co., was a caller at the store Thursday.

Those who attended conference last week reported the grandest conference they had ever attended.

Mr. J. W. Ellison carried a carload of cattle to Ft. Worth and returned home the first part of the week.

Calloway Ellison is now staying at Lubbock and attending school for awhile.

A number in the community attended the Lynn county Singing Convention at New Home last Sunday. everybody reported lots of good dinner and plenty of good singing. They will meet at Lynn next fourth Sunday in February.

T. J. Davis and W. W. Cain each carried a bale of cotton to town Monday.

The singing at W. B. Copeland's last Sunday night was very much enjoyed by all present. Miss Bernice Robinson favored them with some classical and war pieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Moore, from Ropes is here visiting their parents for a few days.

Mr. S. L. Williams and family, Reverdie Ater and wife, Misses Irene Nettles and Beulah Perry, Messrs. Roy, Clarence, Loyd, Carol, Murry and Eugene Nettles, all of Lakeview, Mr. Carroll Carr from New Home, Mr. Coleman and family from near Joe Stokes, all attended the singing last Sunday night.

R. M. Foster and wife and two children motored to town last Saturday.

Messrs. Glagg and Boyd went to Slaton Sunday.

Miss Ruby Carr spent last Friday night with Mr. C. L. Reiger and family.

P. H. Benfro Jr. and Uncle, delivered a bunch of steers to Mr. Baxter Honey last Monday.

Dolph Isard and father from New Home passed through the community Monday enroute to Lubbock.

Grady Harriet carried two bales of cotton to town Monday.

Reverdie Ater and wife from Lake-

view, were in the community last Monday morning.

IDALOU NEWS ITEMS FOR THE PAST WEEK

In the Idalou High School this past month, William Niles made the highest average which was 87.

A few of the Idalou singers met at the church house Sunday afternoon, for the purpose of practicing songs for the singing convention at Slide, next Sunday, Nov. 30.

There was singing Sunday night at Miss Ina Teal's home. It was enjoyed by a large crowd of young folks. Songs were practiced for the singing convention next Sunday.

The Idalou farmers are almost caught up with their cotton picking but the gin is far behind with its work.

Church was held at the school house Sunday morning, November 23rd. Rev. Graham, the new Methodist pastor, preached.

The night of December 12th, the Idalou school is to have a short program and a box supper. Every woman and girl who is interested in the welfare and improvement of the school is asked to bring a box, and the men and boys who have lots of money and want to spend it, come along and we'll promise you the prettiest girl's box. Everybody come with the intention of enjoying yourself and helping the Idalou school.

Mr. William M. Mitchell is home visiting his parents. He has been working on a large ranch near Texline, Texas.

The Idalou post office has been moved into Mr. Tucker's new building.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Sherrod Entertain.
A very delightful evening was spent by some young people of Idalou Friday evening, November 21.

The house was decorated in pink and white carnations, which made the beautiful little bungalow look very cheerful. The guests began to arrive at seven o'clock. Many games were anticipated in until a late hour.

Refreshments consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches and punch were served to the following: Misses Moslyn Martin, Willie Mae Bratcher, Chloe Paige, Bessie McCurdy, Virginia Wheeler, Eunice Paige, Ola Teal, Dollie Wheeler; Messrs. Garnet Ashley, Dowling Cox, Herbert Teal, Herbert Martin, Lowell Paige, Ralph Ashley, Bernice Holt, Carl McCurdy, Monte Paige, Tom Wheeler, Millard Tucker, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. B. Sherrod.

MONROE ITEMS OF THE PAST WEEK
All the farmers have been enjoying the fine weather we had for the last few weeks. Most all of them have their feed shocked and put up and others are thrashing and picking cotton. But all are wearing a broad smile and seem to be very happy for as they pass by you can hear the money jingle in their pockets.

School began Monday morning with a good attendance. Miss Irene Cox is the principal and Miss Bernard Greenhill, assistant. They expect to make this the most successful term of the Monroe School.

There was preaching Saturday and Sunday by Bro. Oldham, of Plainview, and which was enjoyed by a large crowd.

There will be a Thanksgiving service held at the school house Thursday night. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Irene Cox, Lois Thaxton and brothers, were in town Saturday.

Misses Willie Mae Bratcher and Paige, teachers of the Idalou high school, and Mr. Dee Vaughn and Dowling Cox attended church here Sunday night.

Mrs. A. E. Greenhill and daughter, Miss Bernard, were shopping in Lubbock Saturday.

Messrs. A. A. Bratcher, Rufus, and Billy Bundy, were seen in Lubbock Saturday.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed their supper in the Greenhill Home Sunday.

Mr. Chas. Shuler is still buying sheep, he has something like two thousand head on his ranch now.

Mrs. J. D. Warren and son Burl, were shopping in Lubbock Monday.

Mr. Ward Crim was in town Saturday hunting for cotton pickers.

Misses Irene Cox and Bernard Greenhill, were visitors in the Long home Friday night, preparing their books for the beginning of school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Long were seen in Lubbock Monday shopping.

Bro. Oldham, Bill Bundy, Ray Bennett, Charlie Collier and Misses Bernard Greenhill and Otto Ray, took dinner in the Cox home Sunday.

Monroe has planned to have a box supper at the school house Saturday night. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. Everybody is invited. Come and bring a well filled box and enjoy the evening with us.

LOCALS FROM THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS
We are informed by a prominent Grassland citizen that the gin run by Thomas Brothers in that community, has put on a day and night shift, and ran 85 bales the first twenty-four hours. This gin had turned out 1240 bales up until Wednesday night of this week.

In the week's issue of the News, an article appeared stating that Tahoka hotels had closed their dining rooms and the town was minus this service. We are glad to correct this statement on the part of the St. Clair Hotel. Mr. Williams informs us that he has never closed his dining room, and was prepared to give first class service in this line. He stated, however, that he was keeping no regular

Mentions of the Conference in Advocate

Texas Christian Advocate.

We do not recall ever attending a greater Conference than this one. The attendance was great from the first hour to the last. Practically all of the preachers were there and many laymen from various sections were also in attendance, while the people of the community turned out in great numbers. That section of Texas has suffered from crop failures two or three years now, but the crop this year is anything but a failure. That country is the garden spot of Texas this year, and as those preachers gather at Conference there was a note of victory in every ringing word. They have stayed there through very severe trials and they have occasion to rejoice at improved conditions.

Bishop McMurry is an unusually good presiding officer. He is always in complete control of the business of the body. Nothing is done hurriedly, and yet all business is transacted rapidly. Any member of the Conference feels at liberty to speak out at any time, and, while the Bishop insists that the rules of parliamentary practice must be observed, he does it in such a way that there is not the least sting in it. His long service in the office of Secretary of the Board of Church Extension gave him fine training in all the affairs of the church, and intimate knowledge of every section of its territory. Then he is a man of affairs—he knows business, and believes that the King's business should be conducted in a business-like way.

Rev. G. S. Wyatt, after many years of faithful and effective service, asked for and was granted the superannuation relation. While his bodily strength is failing his mind is alert and his heart mellow. He is an optimist and a dispenser of good cheer. He loves his brethren and they love him.

Rev. Simeon Shaw, after sometime in temperance work, goes back into the pastorate at Canyon. He will have a wonderful field there in that important student center. The Conference took action looking to the building of a modern and adequate church at that place. Brother Shaw is a strong preacher and Canyon will enjoy him.

Sunday at Lubbock was a great day. The weather was clear and cool just such days as one sees nowhere except on the Plains. People came from all over that section and packed the great auditorium. Bishop McMurray preached at the morning hour and George Stuart in the evening. Both sermons were high-class, and were greatly appreciated by the great audiences that heard them. The appointments were read Sunday night at the close of the service.

Rev. G. W. Shearer is the new presiding elder on the Lubbock District. He goes from Childress Station where he had a year of success. There were a large number of conversions and additions and a surplus on collections. The salary has been increased for the coming year. Brother Shearer is a diligent student and will make a valuable leader in that rapidly growing district.

Dr. J. T. Griswold had a great year at Lubbock. There were more than one hundred conversions and two hundred additions. There was a gain of 350 in Sunday School enrollment. The Centenary quota was doubled and the amount raised for all purposes aggregates \$12,500. The Lubbock church building is probably the best in the Conference. It has auditorium capacity for something like fifteen hundred and is modern and well equipped.

Rev. A. L. Moore, the capable Secretary of the Conference, goes from the Plainview District, after a successful quadrennium, to Memphis Station. Memphis is one of the best towns in the Conference, and our Methodism is strong there. Few pastors will have a larger opportunity than Brother Moore this year, and those who know him have no fears about his ability to meet the demands.

Rev. W. E. Lyon was appointed Missionary Secretary for his Conference and the New Mexico Conference. He has a great responsibility and a great opportunity. His is a frontier field where wise leadership will bring amazing returns. Brother Lyon is a diligent and energetic man and has given much thought to the details of the work to which he has just been appointed.

boarders, feeding only transients at the rate of 75c per meal. Anyone wanting a good meal will do well to call at the St. Clair.

Rain began falling over Tahoka and vicinity early this morning, Friday, the precipitation amounting to twenty-two hundredths of an inch up until 7:00 o'clock.

1744 bales had been ginned by the three Tahoka gins up till Wednesday night.

A quiet wedding of interest to a fine circle of friends owing to the popularity of the young couple, was that of Guy LeMond and Mollie Callaway of the Draw community Monday, November 17th, at the Court House, Judge C. H. Cain officiating.

The Tahoka Public Schools, which closed its session for two weeks in order to permit the pupils to help gather the large cotton crop, re-opened last Monday morning. Many of the pupils, however, are still absent, as a large percentage of the staple still remains to be gathered. It will probably be the first of the year before a full attendance will be had.

J. E. Stokes left the first part of the week for Dallas, where he will purchase a stock of furniture and will enter business in the Redwine building on the west side of the

square just as soon as the goods can be received here.

SOME LOCALS FROM THE POST CITY POST

Next week is District Court week and court will open Monday morning. Sheriff Cravey requests us to state that the Grand Jury and Petit Jurors will be excused for this term and can go ahead with their crop gathering. So if your name is on either list remember you will not be expected to come to court.

Rev. Kidd, of Clyde, Texas, has been appointed by the Methodist Conference which convened at Lubbock last week, to fill the pulpit of that denomination in Post the coming year. He will probably arrive here in time to hold services Sunday.

At 6 o'clock last Saturday afternoon Mr. H. L. Henderson and Miss Winnie Bell Knox were united in marriage at the bride's home at Justiceburg by the Rev. J. Pat Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graber, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bullock, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Clark, attended the Methodist Conference at Lubbock last Sunday.

MONDAY ? ? ? ? ?

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From December 1st to 15th we will make the following Special Subscription offer:

Star-Telegram Daily and Sunday, one year, reg. price	\$9.00
Avalanche regular price one year	\$1.50
	\$10.50

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Star-Telegram daily and Sunday, and Avalanche, both one year for	\$7.00
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	\$8.50

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